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Inventors: Pearson, Siani et al. **Application Number:** 10/080,479

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Title: Method and Apparatus for Ascertaining the Status of a Data Processing Environment

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Comments on Notice of Allowance

Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance dated May 24, 2011 indicating that the pending claims are allowable.

In reviewing the papers transmitted along with the Notice of Allowance, applicants' representative noticed that the Examiner indicated that (1) the Examiner had not considered the reference entitled "HP Virtualvault: Trusted Web-server Platform Product Brief" cited in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed by applicants on February 21, 2003; and (2) the Examiner had not considered the reference entitled "Applied Cryptography, Second Edition" cited in an IDS filed by applicants on August 11, 2006. However, in a previous notice issued by the Examiner on May 1, 2009, the Examiner acknowledged that he had considered both of these references. Accordingly, applicants understand the Examiner to have

considered both of these references in connection with the prosecution of the present application.

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